GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ACTION PLAN ON EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN
CHINMAYANAND

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated an action plan to ensure equal participation of women in the country;

(b) if so, the salient feature thereof;

(c) whether the Government have set any target in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)
(a)&(b) Government has approved a 'National Policy forthe Empowerment of Women'. One of the objectives of the Policy is to provide 'equal access to participation and decision making of women in social, political and economic life of the nation'.

(c)&(d) Government has taken various legal, administrative and policy initiatives to ensure equal participation of women in various walks of life. These include 73rd and 74th Constitution Amendment Act, 1992 whereby one-third representation in rural and urban local bodies has been reserved for women. Constitution (Eighty Fifth)Amendment Bill proposing reservation of 30% of seats for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislatures, proposed amendments in various laws which are discriminatory against women, provisioning of resources in various women specific and pro- women schemes through the mechanism of 'Women Component Plan' and mainstreaming gender concern in development and governance.